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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference:

- 1) GB 2408377
- 2) US 3427915
- 3) US 6294718
- 4) US 2003/0154843
  - 5) US 4,056,034
  - 6) US 4,079,654
  - 7) DE 1275341

Reference 1 is the corresponding UK patent of the instant application. This document is provided for information only.

References 2 – 6 are in the English language and require no further explanation.

Reference 7 relates to a guitar having a hollow acoustic body and a rod-shaped bracing device arranged inside the acoustic body. Fig. 10 shows cross-sections of various braces. The corresponding cross-sections range from rectangular braces (see reference numeral 32a) to cross-sections (see reference numeral 32c) which in turn correspond to those of Fig. 5. The corresponding division into a lower base part having vertical sides and an upper tapered part has also been omitted here.

The form PTO-1449 is submitted herewith.

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These references were cited in the European Search Report.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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